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In re Application of :
Bharwada Upen :
Application No. 10/773,887 :
Filed: February 6, 2004 : ON PETITION
Attorney Docket Number: :
03-10 :

This is a decision on the Petition Under 37 CFR § 1.53(e) to Accord a Filing Date, filed August 16, 2004, requesting the application be accorded a filing date of February 6, 2004, including 1 sheet of drawing Figures described in the specification.

The petition is granted.

The application was filed on February 6, 2004. However, on July 22, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, noting that a filing date had NOT been accorded the application because the application had been deposited without drawings.

In response, Petitioner files the instant petition wherein Petitioner avers that one (1) sheet of drawings was originally filed with the application on February 6, 2004, and was received by this Office as evidenced by the return-receipt postcard. In support, Petitioner provides a copy of a return receipt postcard acknowledging receipt of, *inter alia*, 1 sheets of drawings on February 6, 2004.

A review of the return receipt postcard reveals that Petitioner is correct. The postcard acknowledges receipt of 1 sheets of drawings on February 6, 2004. Petitioner has also re-submitted the one (1) sheet of drawings with the instant petition.

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The copy of one (1) sheet of drawings supplied on August 16, 2004, will be used for examination purposes.

A refund of the petition fee has been credited to deposit account 50-0263 as authorized in the instant petition.

The application will be returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing as a nonprovisional application with a filing date of February 6, 2004, and an indication that one (1) sheet of drawings, comprising Figure 1, was present on filing, using the one (1) sheet of drawings, comprising Figure 1 filed on August 16, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.



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